

AZCC Health Disparities Committee Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2007
10:30 am – 12 noon
Asian Pacific Community in Action

Attendees: Veronica Perez, Sharon Jaycox, Jesse Nodora, Sujata Joshi, Norm Petersen, Doug Hirano, Tim Flood, Patrice Caldwell, Nate Smith

Meeting purpose:

1. Update on matrix dialogues with Tanner and SAICN
2. Form toolkit groups
 - tools & training (i.e., Cancer 101)
 - resources (i.e., grants, etc.)
 - information (i.e., background pieces, matrices)
 - evaluation (primarily process)

Tim Flood stated that all the work that can be done internally on the matrices has been completed and are ready to take to the community. He stated that he needs expectations of what we want communities to do with the matrices (suggest choosing priorities).

Sharon Jaycox stated that a meeting with Rev. Jackson is being scheduled to review matrix for African American Community. She will meet with them and identify other to disseminate information to (focus group).

Norm Petersen is working to identify a tribe to work with the matrices; all that is left to do with the American Indian Matrix is to take it to the communities for review. He stated that Kim Russell has identified Gila River Indian Community as possibility.

Veronica initiated a discussion of the formation of the toolkit subgroups to develop the supplemental content of a toolkit to complement the matrices; topics discussed included: training to understand statistics; grant writing & resources; getting communities to stage of readiness (AzPHA currently doing); identify what is successfully happening in community; partner with others already working in community (Tanner example).

After much discussion in this area, the group consensus was that decisions regarding content of a toolkit were premature because community input had not been gathered.

Action steps:

1. Need people to reach out to tribal groups with matrix. ITCA will outreach to tribes and report back to the disparities committee (Norm will serve as lead).
2. Gather more information from Tanner regarding the African American matrix.

Announcements:

- Jesse Nodora announced that he will serve as co-chair for the research committee. Discussed priority areas of the committee including a social network analysis of

current research and tissue banking. Also highlighted the research collaboration between NAU and the AZ Cancer Center to train AIAN researchers

- Jesse also commented that there is a need to “get going” on outreach with the Latino community
- Doug Hirano announced the availability of web-based modules on disparities from the Univ of Michigan, and encouraged the committee to review them